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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

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**PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD**  
Effective October 1, 2001

Application or Docket Number

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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

|                                                           | (Column 1)    | (Column 2)   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                              | 20            |              |
| FOR                                                       | NUMBER FILED  | NUMBER EXTRA |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS                                   | 20 minus 20 = | * 0          |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                                        | 4 minus 3 =   | * 1          |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/> |               |              |

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

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|                                                                         | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3)    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT A                                                             | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total                                                                   | * 22                             | Minus ** 20                        | = 2           |
| Independent                                                             | * 4                              | Minus *** 4                        | =             |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/> |                                  |                                    |               |

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

| RATE      | FEE    |
|-----------|--------|
| BASIC FEE | 370.00 |
| X\$ 9=    |        |
| X42=      |        |
| +140=     |        |
| TOTAL     |        |

| RATE      | FEE    |
|-----------|--------|
| BASIC FEE | 740.00 |
| X\$18=    |        |
| X84=      | 84     |
| +280=     |        |
| TOTAL     | 824    |

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

| RATE       | ADDI-TIONAL FEE |
|------------|-----------------|
| X\$ 9=     |                 |
| X42=       |                 |
| +140=      |                 |
| TOTAL      |                 |
| ADDIT. FEE |                 |

| RATE       | ADDI-TIONAL FEE |
|------------|-----------------|
| X\$18=     | \$36            |
| X84=       |                 |
| +280=      |                 |
| TOTAL      |                 |
| ADDIT. FEE | pd.             |

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|                                                                         | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3)    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT B                                                             | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total                                                                   | * 22                             | Minus ** 22                        | =             |
| Independent                                                             | * 4                              | Minus *** 4                        | =             |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/> |                                  |                                    |               |

| RATE       | ADDI-TIONAL FEE |
|------------|-----------------|
| X\$ 9=     |                 |
| X42=       |                 |
| +140=      |                 |
| TOTAL      |                 |
| ADDIT. FEE |                 |

| RATE       | ADDI-TIONAL FEE |
|------------|-----------------|
| X\$18=     |                 |
| X84=       |                 |
| +280=      |                 |
| TOTAL      |                 |
| ADDIT. FEE |                 |

|                                                                         | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3)    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT C                                                             | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total                                                                   | *                                | Minus **                           | =             |
| Independent                                                             | *                                | Minus ***                          | =             |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/> |                                  |                                    |               |

| RATE       | ADDI-TIONAL FEE |
|------------|-----------------|
| X\$ 9=     |                 |
| X42=       |                 |
| +140=      |                 |
| TOTAL      |                 |
| ADDIT. FEE |                 |

| RATE       | ADDI-TIONAL FEE |
|------------|-----------------|
| X\$18=     |                 |
| X84=       |                 |
| +280=      |                 |
| TOTAL      |                 |
| ADDIT. FEE |                 |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Substitute for Form PTO-875                                                      |                                  |                                    |               |            |  |                                                     |                |    |                                |                |
| <b>CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I</b>                                                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | <b>SMALL ENTITY</b>                                 |                | OR | <b>OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY</b> |                |
| (Column 1)                                                                       |                                  | (Column 2)                         |               | (Column 3) |  |                                                     |                |    |                                |                |
| FOR                                                                              | NUMBER FILED                     | NUMBER EXTRA                       |               |            |  | RATE                                                | FEE            |    | RATE                           | FEE            |
| BASIC FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(a))                                                    |                                  |                                    |               |            |  |                                                     | \$             |    |                                | \$             |
| TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))                                                 | minus 20 =                       |                                    |               |            |  | X \$                                                |                |    | X \$                           |                |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                                           | minus 3 =                        |                                    |               |            |  | X \$                                                |                |    | X \$                           |                |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))                                |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | + \$                                                |                |    | + \$                           |                |
|                                                                                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | TOTAL                                               |                |    | TOTAL                          |                |
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| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II</b>                                               |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | <b>SMALL ENTITY</b>                                 |                | OR | <b>OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY</b> |                |
| (Column 1)                                                                       |                                  | (Column 2)                         |               | (Column 3) |  |                                                     |                |    |                                |                |
| AMENDMENT A                                                                      | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |            |  | RATE                                                | ADDITIONAL FEE |    | RATE                           | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| C                                                                                | 21                               | 22                                 | =             |            |  | X \$ 9                                              |                |    | X \$ 18                        |                |
| Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))                                                     | 4                                | 4                                  | =             |            |  | X \$ 43                                             |                |    | X \$ 86                        |                |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | + \$ 145                                            |                |    | + \$ 290                       |                |
|                                                                                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                                     |                |    | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                |                |
| (Column 1)                                                                       |                                  | (Column 2)                         |               | (Column 3) |  |                                                     |                |    |                                |                |
| AMENDMENT B                                                                      | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |            |  | RATE                                                | ADDITIONAL FEE |    | RATE                           | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))                                                           | -                                | -                                  | =             |            |  | X \$                                                |                |    | X \$                           |                |
| Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))                                                     | -                                | -                                  | =             |            |  | X \$                                                |                |    | X \$                           |                |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | + \$                                                |                |    | + \$                           |                |
|                                                                                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                                     |                |    | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                |                |
| (Column 1)                                                                       |                                  | (Column 2)                         |               | (Column 3) |  |                                                     |                |    |                                |                |
| AMENDMENT C                                                                      | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |            |  | RATE                                                | ADDITIONAL FEE |    | RATE                           | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))                                                           | -                                | -                                  | =             |            |  | X \$                                                |                |    | X \$                           |                |
| Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))                                                     | -                                | -                                  | =             |            |  | X \$                                                |                |    | X \$                           |                |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | + \$                                                |                |    | + \$                           |                |
|                                                                                  |                                  |                                    |               |            |  | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                                     |                |    | TOTAL ADD'L FEE                |                |

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